

**REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
By Chief David B. Darrin
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The Spencer Police Department continues to conduct policing on a proactive basis. In today's society, Police Officers can no longer just react to crime. They must instead, respond to the wide variety of issues and problems impacting the fear of crime and quality of life in our community.

The Spencer Police Department continues to participate in the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, which allows access to specialized assets including a SWAT Team along with Civil Disturbance, Motorcycle, Collision Reconstruction, and Cyber-Crime Units. The Spencer Police Department currently has one Officer assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Team.

The Spencer Police Department conducts a variety of community outreach programs, including the deployment of our speed radar dolly, the installation and inspection of child safety seats, the performance of residential and commercial security surveys, participation in the Sheriff's TRIAD Senior Program and the facilitation of the Officer Phil Child Safety Program at Lake Street and Wire Village Schools.

The Spencer Police Department maintains affiliation with the following organizations: Worcester County Breaking and Entering Task Force, Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association, Street Violence Prevention Group, Tri-Valley Elder Task Force and the Massachusetts Financial Crimes Task Force.

Continued and comprehensive training of all Spencer Police Department personnel is of paramount importance in the areas of law enforcement and public safety. On an annual basis, Officers attend Firearms Qualification and Proficiency training. In addition Officers participated in an internet based in-service training program provided by the

Massachusetts Police Institute in accordance with standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee.

What was new in 2013? The Spencer Police has made semi-automatic rifles available to Police Officers. These rifles are a tool to aid in the resolution of unconventional situations where the Police may face heavily armed criminal suspects.

There were two personnel changes in 2013. Alternate Animal Control & Inspection Officers Christine Pilling and Catherine Gage resigned to pursue other endeavors.

Whenever possible the Spencer Police Department makes application for Federal and State grants. Grants are important, as they allow a community to address issues that may be beyond their financial resources. This year the Spencer Police Department was awarded a variety of grants, including: \$10,000 from the State 911 Department for training, \$36,280 from the State 911 Department for infrastructure improvements and overtime, \$6,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for traffic enforcement, \$15,000 from the Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council for portable radios, \$1,000 from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition for veterinary expenses and \$1,500 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for Child Safety Seats.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Spencer Police Department for their dedication and support. I also wish to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, along with all other Town Officials, Boards and Departments for their assistance in providing the citizens of Spencer with exceptional public services.

ACTIVITY REPORT

ARRESTS:

Murder	0
Rape	0
Armed Robbery	1
Unarmed Robbery	1
Assault & Battery	18
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	24
Burglary	19
Larceny	44
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Vandalism	14
Arson	0
Domestic A&B	80
Warrants	112
209A/HPO Violation	16
Misdemeanor – Miscellaneous	37
Felony – Miscellaneous	10
Motor Vehicle – Miscellaneous	55
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	20
Possession of Drugs	9
Distribution of Drugs	11
Disorderly Conduct	67
Protective Custody	64
OUI – Alcohol/Drugs	38
TOTAL	149

OFFENSES

Murder	0
Rape	5
Robbery	2
Assault	49
Burglary	34
Larceny	177
Motor Vehicle Theft	4
Vandalism	77

SELECT CALLS

Accidents	461
911 Calls	2345
Medical Calls	1425
Fire Assists	219
Alarm Response	521
Detain Prisoners for Others	97
Disturbances – General	450
Disturbances – Domestic	98

CALLS BY SHIFT:

11p-7a	4524
7a-3p	10863
3p-11a	9141
Total	24528

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Calls	922
Impounds	37
Adoptions	39
Bylaw Violations	42

CITATIONS

Civil Infractions	119
Criminal	108
Warning	213
Arrest	45
Parking	299
Bylaw – Police	63
TOTAL	847